

Together WE ARE Building

Our Red Sea Community



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Mini-Monday, with its own look, features brief articles and provides opportunities for you to share what you know, what you do, where you've been, and more.

Contribute, please.

- ◆ What's been happening lately?
- ◆ What's going to happen soon?
- ◆ Comments 🗨️ and Questions ??
- ◆ Tamimi Ads

kcomm.info = archived newsletters + lots more, including Jeddah information

kcommcalendar@gmail.com to see + announce events and activities

The **next ORSC newsletter** will be out on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Want a newsletter sent to you?

Write to me: abgwsa1@yahoo.com

What's been happening lately?

Or **NOT:**

Are we a "silent" community? Or Are we a participatory one?

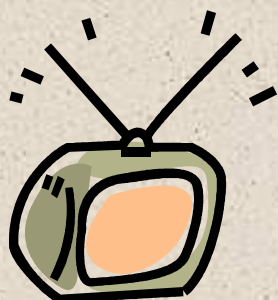
If the latter (second choice) is valid, then WHY haven't you sent me your "stories/definitions" of the unique looking object on the spine, yet? I didn't even get one - **not one** - evidence of your imaginative thinking. ☹️

Okay, fine --- you can have another 2 weeks, but THAT's IT! Send them on, **please.**

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More about this issue of **COMMUNITY** later on.

Is your TV now upgraded? (It should say Nov 2009 on the bottom of the screen once it is turned on and shows "Listings".) Are you finding your favorite channels again? Some of them are now way down the line-up. I was sent a list of sometimes or always English-language stations and have reprinted that below. Sadly, I can't tell you what is on when.



Channel	Name	Type of Coverage
26	Fox Series	TV
32	NBN	TV
49	MBC Action	Movies
5	CCTV9	China TV in English
65	Show Movies Comedy	TV & Movies
66	Show Movies Series	TV & Movies
70	America Plus	Movies
71	Super Comedy	TV & Movies
73	Star World Me	TV & Movies
75	E Entertainment	TV
77	America Plus 2	TV & Movies
78	Cinema City	Movies
80	s MOVIE	Movies
81	S Movie	Movies
86	BBC lifestyle	TV
102	Fox Movies	Movies
103	Dubai One	Movies
105	MBC2	TV & Movies
106	MBC Max	TV & Movies
108	MBC Persia	Movies
109	Show Movie 1	Movies
110	Super Movies	Movies
111	Start Gold Me	TV
203	MBC3	Cartoons
205	Disney Channel	Cartoons
206	Cartoon Network	Cartoons
207	Kids Co	TV
209	Show Movie Kids	TV

Does anyone know where we can access that information - you know, something like a TV guide?

The only way I know what is when is by watching and writing down the ads for the movies or shows and their days and times. I miss a lot of what I would like to see - how about you?

Maybe **TOGETHER** we can build a useful TV-guide database.

301	Dubai Racing	Horses
310	ESPN Classic	Sports
313	Sport +3	Sports
316	Show Sport 2	Sports
318	NBA	Sports
319	ESPN America	Sports
320	ESPN	Sports
401	BBC World News	News
409	JSC International	Al Jazeera News
412	Russia Today	TV
414	CNN	News
415	FOX News	News
416	Boomerang	Cartoons
417	NDTV	News
418	CNBC Europe	News
420	Sky News	News
453	Animal Planet	Animal
454	National Geographic	Science
456	Discovery Channel	Science
457	Travel	Travel
458	National Geographic	TV
459	Discovery Science	TV

We went back to the neighborhood fish restaurant that I wrote about previously – Jan 13th issue (the **FISH** restaurant just outside the “construction” gate and to the right). This time we were a group of 9 people; this time I was able to take photos **before** we left nothing but bones on the platters. We all agreed that these fish must have just been caught then cooked in quick succession – they were **that fresh tasting!**



Hareed - grilled



Najil atop 3 kinds of rice



Hammour - grilled



Lots of prawns – grilled



This is where we ate – but sat on regular chairs

Ali, the manager, wants you to know that he is getting ready to begin serving customers on the waterfall/grotto side of the restaurant later this week. He also wants you to know that you can call him directly for reservations or other information. 0535461245



Brighter with the lights on, but they weren't on when I took this photo.

Did you know that we have “a team” of Ultimate Frisbee players who are on their way to **Dubai** to participate in an annual tournament on Friday? WELL, we do! They have been practicing twice a week for several weeks now and – even as an unofficial group – hope to make KAUST proud. This diverse group of 8 includes grad students, a high school senior, researchers and a professor. I will report on their results in Feb. 10th's newsletter.

Paul Nnoka is the new Harbor Sports Club (HSC) manager. He has been organizing and supervising many of the events that have already taken place during WEP sports events and will be doing so at events yet to be. Before giving you the upcoming details, here's a few highlights from what's already been:

"The second week of WEP reached its conclusion last night (Friday, Jan. 29) with the first of two Badminton 'Doubles' tournaments at the **HSC Arena** (the second is being held on Feb. 5th) which drew in 18 competitors and inevitably, a strong Chinese contingent. Each contestant got to play four games each with different playing partners and as an individual accumulated points along the way, with the winner being the individual who gathered up the most.

"Tuesday, Jan. 26, was the second WEP bowling event (LOW GAME) which attracted 25 competitors, nearly all of them from the previous week's competition, keen to build up their successes for the ultimate champion **trophy**, which will be decided on **Feb 9th** after the fourth and final WEP Bowling Challenge.

"The WEP Basketball on Wednesday evening (Jan. 27), held at the Harbor Elementary School, attracted 30 individuals and was very well received. This rounds off an impressive trilogy of WEP 'Hoop Meets' in January.

"On the same night we had the second of our Master Fitness Classes in the HSC Arena, spearheaded again by Hannah and her 'crew'. This time it was martial art moves to music (entitled COMBAT FITNESS!)."

This Week's WEP Recreation Highlights:

TUESDAY: Bowling, **Feb 2nd**, Bowling City HSC, 9-11pm &
Pool (Billiards) Tournament in Bldg 18, (Student Center) 6-9pm

THURSDAY: Squash, **Feb 4th**, 2-6pm HSC

FRIDAY: Soccer, **Feb 5th**, 10-12pm HSC, and 3-6 Badminton at HSC



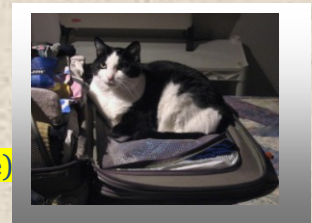
As the **new Pet Registry** develops its on-line format, you can still begin the registration process. Contact either Sue Hemp (only use her **contact information below**, please) **or** Amy Farago to have them send you a simple form to complete with needed pet and human contact information so that you and the wanderer get back together should that family member with 4 legs suddenly take a vacation without you.

For any **lost or found** animals,

please contact either:

Amy Farago – amy.farago@kaust.edu.sa 0544 700 503 (**Mobile**)

Susan Hemp – svhemp@gmail.com 0534208788 (**Mobile**)



Did you go and visit Dr. Jaclean, our new vet, last Wednesday and welcome her to our community? Did you introduce her to your 4-legged family member?

If not, you have another chance this **Wednesday from 11 am-5 pm**; for appointments, call Dr. Jaclean Dadulla at 054 5489133 She in the center of Discovery Square.

WE are **NOW** being given the go-ahead to form / organize **Self-Directed Groups**.

SO – **what are you waiting for?** What are your **hobbies**? Do you have a special interest that you share with other community members? Recreation Services will assist you in establishing your activity-groups. The **Self-Directed Group (SDG)** team are shown below.

Contact Information:

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Reham Hijazi (SDG administrator) Reham.Hijazi@kaust.edu.sa

Self-Directed Group Office Number: 808 – 6207; Office hours are from 8:30am – 5:30pm.

For any water sports groups, please forward your request to the Marina Team at marina@kaust.edu.sa

Don't wait too long to make your interests known. The olive branch is out; before it snaps off or becomes twigs in a fire, get in touch with the **SDG** admin's and let them know you have an idea for an **SDG**. We have all been looking for extra activities in which to participate – so tell them what you have in mind. Let them know you are building a group. Maybe someone else is trying to build the same thing.

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Are you playful? Are you a player..... of board games? This group is for anyone who enjoys board games, card games, role-playing games, etc., and there is a google group at this link:

<http://groups.google.com/group/kaust-games-and-gaming?lnk=gcimv> [dk]

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“How about a **new SDG** dedicated to making things, repairing things, being creative? Do you build things? Design things? Make things at home? Have tools? Want to learn new hands-on skills, and share ideas, designs, enthusiasm, and your own skills?

Please join with others at KAUST in starting a **self-directed group** that may be called "The Community Workshop". Many of us have limited workshop space in our housing, and our personal tools may have not come with us. **Together** we can advocate for space and tools with which to enjoy our interest in hands-on accomplishments.

We plan to have an evening meeting of people interested in these areas, probably the week after the Winter Enrichment Program ends. In the meantime, please email:

terry@terryking.us with your comments and ideas.” [tk]

A few people have already been talking about a **photography SDG**, so let Terry know if you want to be part of that “developing” group.

Have you heard that there is interest in a KAUST **students** photo group? Or maybe one is already formed. **Is there a need** for two parallel groups separated only by “designation”?

Should our graduate students, researchers and post-docs be a separate “community” unto themselves?

Have you heard that the area formerly planned for the **long-awaited arts center** has now become the Teen Arcade for gaming?

“I think we urgently need to voice our concerns about the art center and the teen room to the manager to have them reverse their decision in favor of a much more valuable (including for teens!) art center.” [ok]

Being in a community often means participating in its development and decisions.

A silent majority doesn't work for the good of everyone!

What about a Community Watch group to catch the speeders and STOP sign runners?

GO to the **MEDICAL CLINIC**; you **WILL NOT** collect \$200/or SAR 200 (like in *Monopoly*), but you will get a nice shiny registration card, and a file with your identity will be opened and ready for you should you need medical services. Consider this a useful community announcement.

My name is **Maryam Totakhail**. I'm a certified Yoga and Pilates instructor. My mobile number is 0555609253. Do you want to have one-on-one Yoga or Pilates training? Let me know.



WANT TO BUY / HAVE FOR SALE

Does anyone on campus have a Suzuki or similar hard top Jeep for sale, or just a small car for running around on campus? I haven't a price in mind, but if anyone has any vehicle to sell, I would be interested. Contact: joanne.williams@kaust.edu.sa

With many new people moving onto campus who might need some household items, such as rugs, bedding, small appliances, etc. , if you have that stuff and don't want to take it with you upon leaving, send me a note and I'll do some matchmaking (abgwsa1@yahoo.com).

The Teen Oasis for 10 – 15 year olds in the ECC is a gaming venue for Video Games – Nintendo Wii / Xbox 360 ; Table Tennis ; Air Hockey Foosie Ball ; Chess ; Checkers ; Board Games

Opening Hours are Friday – Tuesday from 3 p.m. – 8 p.m., and Wednesday – Thursday from 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Technical difficulties occurred during the day at Big Tamimi preventing them from sending all the ads for their products **on sale beginning this Wednesday**, February 3.

That means you will just have to stop by and see for yourselves the fine food and non-perishables they have on offer for the next two weeks (Feb. 3 - Feb.16).